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THE "BEASTHOOD" OF THE NEGRO

The Literary Digest for October 18, 1902, contains a review of a book written by one Charles Carroll, who is seeking notoriety by trying to make it appear that the Negro is a beast, and therefore, not a member of the human family. Of course, Mr. Carroll is a southern man, and his book is intended for southern consumption.

This author states that "the Bible plainly teaches that man was created a single pair in the image of God. If the white man, with his exalted physical and mental characteristics, was created thus, it is plain that the Negro must have been made after some other model, for a scientific investigation of his physical and mental qualities reveal an organism approximately more closely that of the lower animals than of the human race. God rejected Cain because he married a Negress."

This book, we are told, is being very extensively sold in the South, and shows the kind of literary food that is relished by the southern appetite. It took a long time for southern white men to discover that Negro women were beasts. If the author is right, then so much for his section of the country, for its best blood is mingled with that of the beast.

The Literary Digest was kind enough to give, in the same article, a comment on this book by Zion's Watch Tower and Herald of Christ's Presence, published at Allegheny, Pa. The Watch Tower says: "The Scriptural evidences are wholly against the theory mentioned. Take, for instance, that Moses married a Negress, and had children by her. According to the theory we are criticising this would

have been unpardonable sin in God's sight, a carnal union between man and a beast. According to this theory Moses would have been rejected utterly from divine favor. But what do we find? Quite to the contrary. It was after this marriage that God chose Moses to be His representative, and the leader of his people out of the land of Egyptian bondage."

Mr. Carroll has evidently spent his time and money and made his research to no purpose, for he has absolutely failed to make out his case, and has materially lowered the standing of his own section, without doing any appreciable injury to the cause of the Negro.

The "accepted hour" is now.

At this season of the year one bride can not hope to long occupy the center of the stage.

Intemperance is the Negro's most threatening menace at the present stage of his development.

A woman who has not the stamina to encourage the highest moral standards in man will never make a wife in the true sense of the term.

Although the clerical roster of the Census Office will admit of gradual reductions, the \$6,000 salary of the Mighty Director, Merriam, will not.

Pessimism is not always occasioned by a disordered liver. The man "who sees through a glass darkly" may just simply be "broke."

The bitter controversies and malodorous invectives found in the columns of some of our religious journals do not advance the cause of Christianity.

Parents can do their girls no greater an injury than to permit them to eat the bread of idleness. Teach them to work, no matter how affluent your circumstances.

When you see a man in a desperate hurry it does not follow that he is a "hustler." He may have simply put off an important duty until the last moment.

When the Democrats are in power they do not ask republicans to endorse their appointments—they proceed on the theory that they have been delegated by the people to exercise their own judgment.

By all means, let Dr. W. D. Crum be named as collector of the port of Charleston, South Carolina. President Roosevelt will make no mistake by appointing him, no matter what Democratic malcontents say.

One of the gratifying outgrowths of the commercial inspiration generated by the National Business League is the formation of the A. E. Manning Drug Company at Indianapolis, Ind., and the opening by it of a first-class pharmacy. Mr. Manning is also publisher of the Indianapolis World, one of the race's most reliable mouth-pieces, and is a thorough-going, up-to-date man of affairs.

Sentiment has begun to crystallize as to who shall be the District of Colum-

bia's next delegates to the Republican National Convention. It is conceded that Hon. Myron M. Parker will continue as the Caucasian representative. In connection with the colored element no name is heard with greater frequency or favor than that of the brilliant young lawyer, Mr. John W. Patterson.

We are glad the esteemed Star of Zion is to acquire a proof-reader to relieve Editor Smith's massive burden. Writing all the editorials, deciphering bad manuscript, passing judgment upon what is printable and what is "rot," planning the "makeup" of his form, reading three hundred newspapers, preaching two or three sermons, and running for the bishopric—all in one week—is a trifle too much to expect, even of a journalistic Ajax like Brother Smith.

The Evening Star which enjoys a deserved popularity with our people by reason of its straightforward contention for equality of citizenship and a pure administration of the law everywhere, celebrates its fiftieth anniversary next month. A special souvenir edition will be gotten out, descriptive of the remarkable growth of Washington and its best-equipped newspaper. The Colored American congratulates its sincerely esteemed contemporary.

Dr. B. F. Watson, of the A. M. E. Church Extension Board, is of the opinion that Indian Territory is an ideal place for the enterprising Negro. He says conditions are flourishing in that section, and that the Indians prefer the company of the black man to that of the white, whose acquisitive genius and oft-times unscrupulous methods of manifesting it, bodes them no good. The Indian and the white man rarely dwell long together without repeating the legend of the lion and the lamb.

THE PEOPLE'S LITERARY.

Mr. L. Melendez King has been elected president of the People's Literary for the year, and has accepted the commission. He is a cultured gentleman and has wide experience as a manager. Other officers were elected as follows: R. C. M. Simmons, vice-president; Miss Maud Lockley, recording secretary; Miss Mathilde Gant, treasurer. Advisory Board: L. M. King, Roscoe Simmons, Perri W. Frisbie, Samuel E. Lacy, Edward Rouser, and Wm. J. Weston; Misses Anna Washington, Mathilde Gant, Marion T. Scott, Mamie Thomas, and Selena Lovett. Sub Committee in charge of program for the year: Roscoe Simmons, chairman, Perri W. Frisbie, Edward Rouser and W. M. Wilson.

FIELD DAY AT NIOBRARA.

Fort Niobara, Neb., Special.—Monday October 27, was "field day" at our post. The exercises included baseball, boxing, running, jumping, standing high jumping and foot racing. Prizes were given to the winners. The baseball game was won by the 3rd battalion. The 31st was monthly inspection. The companies paraded, and General Botes, the department commander, reviewed them. The General will be with us for a few days. He will go hunting, as he likes the sport. Game is abundant in this vicinity. Company K gave a grand ball on the 30th inst. The hall was crowded with invited guests. Corporal Williams, of the band, furnished choice music for the occasion. At twelve o'clock the refreshments were served, and everybody went home well

pleased. Mrs. McCarty arrived at the post on the 1 inst., she is the wife of Sergeant McCarty of Company M. REG.

THE PAYNE-GREEN NUPTIALS.

The nuptials of Mr. Andrew J. Payne and Miss Marion T. Green is still a leading topic in society circles. The superb \$100 trousseau worn by the bride was the gift of Miss Elizabeth M. Flagler. Many beautiful and costly presents were received including a fine piano, a dinner set of one hundred pieces, two suites of furniture and a diamond brooch.

At Shiloh Baptist Church the ushers were Messrs. Ulysses L. Houston, James Lee, James Lucas, John Crusor, Garfield Harris, Will Thomas, Harry Smith, Harry Parker. The best man was Mr. Joseph Bryant. Miss Grace Page Green, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Jennie Pinn was bridesmaid. The bride's gown was white satin, trimmed with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of roses. As stated in our last issue, the reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 1910 Vermont avenue. The elegant carriage of the Secretary of the Treasury was placed at the disposal of the bridal couple as an especial compliment. Mrs. Payne is an efficient clerk in the 4th Auditor's office, and Mr. Payne is also connected with the Treasury Department. Mr. and Mrs. Payne were "at home," at 1519 Pierce Place, Tuesday, November 4th, from 8 to 10 p. m.

GRAND OPENING.

The grand opening of the Brunswick Hotel, under the new management, took place last Thursday evening. Messrs. Scoggins and Plummer, the new proprietors are sparing no pains or expense in making this popular hostelry the finest hotel in the nation's capital.

USE AMERICAN COACHES.

Large Conveyances for Traveling in South Africa Made in the United States.

The coaches used in South Africa are built in the United States—at Concord. Most of them hold 12 people inside in rows of three, six people facing and six back to the mules, says Lippincott's Magazine. By experience we learned that the two corner seats back to the mules are most agreeable. Luggage on these journeys is a consideration, as it is charged for at the rate of a shilling a pound, but each passenger may take a rug—or "blanket," as they are always called—and a small basket of food. The great object is to get as much food as possible into a small space, for when we traveled we could only be sure of two meals—one breakfast and one dinner—during the three days and nights of continuous traveling.

We made inquiries about the outside places, thinking they might be preferable; but some fellow-passengers, who were old hands at such traveling, explained that when the coach upset the outside passengers were those to suffer; those inside come off, as a rule, with a few bruises, the others getting broken arms and the like; and this outbalanced our desire for the open air. Not that one suffered from want of air, for the coach has no windows at all; glass would not stand the jolting for an hour. There is a tarpaulin that one may unroll and pull down over the windows when the rain comes in intolerably. The sun one must bear, for if the tarpaulin is down it is too insufferably hot.